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SUBJECT: AMMUNITION IN THAILAND (AIT)

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1. WE AGREE WITH REF C THAT AIT ISSUE IS ONE THAT CAN BE
ADDRESSED WITH SUPREME COMMAND PRIOR TO THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A NEW GOVERNMENT.

2. YOU SHOULD, ACCORDINGLY, APPROACH APPROPRIATE SUPREME
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COMMAND AUTHORITIES ASAP AND EXPLAIN THAT WE ARE LEGALLY

CONSTRAINED TO TAKE THE AIT WITH US, UNLESS THE RTG PURCHASES THE AMMUNITION AT A LEGALLY DETERMINED PRICE. WE ARE PREPARED TO SELL THOSE SPECIFIC ITEMS THE THAI WANT AND CAN AFFORD. WE WOULD RETROGRADE THE REMAINDER.

3. YOU MAY ADVISE THE THAI THAT A CURRENT ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE AIT IS \$56.2 MILLION. YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT TO ENABLE COMPLETION OF AIT RETROGRADE FROM THAILAND BY THE JULY 20 DEADLINE SET BY THE RTG, A LETTER OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE MUST BE SIGNED NOT LATER THAN MAY 3 AND THAT AMMUNITION NOT ACCEPTED BY THE RTG BY THAT DATE WILL BE REMOVED FROM THAILAND.

4. EMBASSY WILL HAVE SEEN REF A, WHICH DIRECTS CSA AND CSAF TO PREPARED LOAS FOR AIT. YOU SHOULD COORDINATE WITH COMUSMACTHAI IN YOUR DEMARCHE TO SUPREME COMMAND AND IN PRESENTATION OF LOAS. KISSINGER

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